



## MICHAEL J. BENNANE

### 1st Representative District



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**Committees:** Housing and Urban Affairs; Judiciary; Labor; Public Health (Chair); Taxation

**Biography:** Democrat, of Detroit; born January 27, 1945, at Detroit; married; graduate, Benedictine High School; B.A., Wayne State University, 1970; while in his senior year at Benedictine, named to all-city and all-state football teams; later returned to coach baseball and basketball at St. Scholastica and football at Benedictine; in 1969, left Benedictine to take over head football coaching job at St. Agatha, where he won a divisional championship and was named Coach of the Year by the Detroit News in that year; elected Associate Speaker Pro Tempore, 1985; served on the House Ad Hoc Committees on Urban Crime, Youthful Offenders and Prison Overcrowding; after election to the House in 1976, organized the Democratic Freshman Caucus and chosen by Democratic freshman colleagues as its first chairman; helped organize and served as chairman of the House Democratic Study Group, which consisted of approximately half of the Democratic majority in the House; a lifetime resident of northwest Detroit, active in community organizations throughout career; former president of Belmont Civic Association; served as Emerson Community Homeowners Organization's (ECHO) representative to the Mayor's Northwest Leadership Council; he has been a major factor in the enactment of legislation in the area of urban development and sees the "rejuvenation of America's urban areas as one of the most important issues facing us today."

